



ACCOUNTABILITY UPDATE

State Accountability - Report Card Timeline

We want to provide a refresher on report card timelines as we approach August and back-to-school planning. While we do a lot of report card related work over the summer, the School and District Report Cards are released in the fall. Last month we collected Alternate Accountability determination forms from those schools that fall into the alternate process; and we had the Deduction Inquiry Process for those schools facing a deduction for Absenteeism or Dropout rate. Lagged data from the 2015-16 school year -- absenteeism, graduation and dropout rate -- are available before 2016-17 test data so we take care of these metrics first.

Looking ahead, we will be working to ensure 2016-17 demographic data and assessment results are ready to be sent to UW-Madison as they run the value-added growth model which produces the growth scores on the report cards.

Once we have all the necessary priority area data, OEA runs the report cards. Typically, we release a preliminary version to schools and districts securely (via SAFE) in late September. The secure release marks the start of the Report Card Inquiry window. The Report Card Inquiry is an opportunity for schools and districts to review their report card in detail before the report cards are publicly released. This window of time is also a chance for districts to prepare their local communications around the report cards. When we have the final versions of the report cards ready, we release them publicly later in the fall.

OEA will regularly communicate report card timelines via the DAC Digest. Any updates and specific dates will be provided here over the coming months. Stay tuned!

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ASSESSMENT UPDATES

Assessment Data and Reporting

An overview of the Spring 2017 Assessments - Vendor Based Reporting Information is available in the Wisconsin State Assessment Timelines section of the [OSA webpage](#). This overview provides an outline of our statewide assessments, the types of reports available from the vendors, the format in which they are provided, where, when, how they can be accessed, and general directions for their use and distribution. This document has some important information as district staff engage in data inquiry and school improvement planning this summer.

The ACT, Forward Exam, and DLM Assessment results **remain under embargo**. This embargo usually lasts until a DPI press release date. As assessment reports become available in the secure portals, please be aware that DPI will notify districts when results may be shared publicly. In the meantime, public release of the data from these assessments is not permissible.

Data from the ACT ASPIRE and WorkKeys assessments can be shared publicly. The data in the WISEdash secure portal contain personally identifiable student information. Data security requirements as outlined in FERPA and state law must be met before the ACT ASPIRE and WorkKeys results are shared publicly.

The vendor-based data reporting mentioned above, as you know, is separate from the extensive processes involved here at DPI. As the final data files are being delivered to DPI from each of the vendors, DPI staff are beginning to prepare the data for reporting in WISEdash for Districts, the WISEdash Public Portal, and Accountability Report Cards. Public reporting of assessment results must meet Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) requirements regarding student data. DPI data warehouse and OEA teams are working under tight timelines this summer to load, clean, quality assure, and report data in time for the WISEdash Public and report card releases.

Assessment Uploads into WISEdash

Reminder:

- 2016-17 ACT WorkKeys and 2016-17 ACCESS for ELLs were loaded into WISEdash for Districts. You can now view these assessment data in WISEdash for Districts secure portal. Please verify that these data look correct, and contact [IT here at DPI](#) if there any issues.
- 2014-15 and 2015-16 ACT Aspire data is available in WISEdash Public Portal.

Forward Exam

Forward Exam student and summary reports were released to districts via eDIRECT June 27. Hard copies of individual student reports (ISRs) for the exam will be delivered to districts by July 24, 2017. ISRs should be shared with parents as soon as possible once received. A sample ISR cover letter is available on the [Forward Exam Data and Reporting webpage](#). Reporting of all assessment results regarding student data must meet FERPA requirements. However, please be aware of the embargo on Forward Exam data until further notice from DPI.

ACT HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS

ACT Score Reports

- All schools and districts should have received summer shipments of the following reports by now:
 - Printed individual reports for students assessed with ACT non-college reportable accommodations mailed to test coordinators.
 - ACT district- and school-level aggregate "Profile" reports mailed to DACs and test coordinators.
 - Student level data file sent to DACs.
- The CDs and ACT Profile reports were shipped in a plain, white cardboard envelope with a FedEx shipping label and the return address in the top left corner as ACT, Inc., 2727 Scott Boulevard.

Aspire Results Available in ACT Aspire Portal

- Summative reports, including Individual Student Reports (ISRs) are now available in the ACT Aspire portal.
- ISRs may be downloaded and distributed to parents/guardians and students.
- ACT Aspire results in the Aspire portal contain personally identifiable student information. They should not be shared outside of a school or district setting without ensuring FERPA data security requirements are met.
- For a list of reports available to educators, schools, and districts, please see the [Spring 2017 Summative Reports Guide](#).
- More information, including a sample parent/guardian cover letter and links to the *Understanding Your ACT Aspire Results Guide* and *Interpretive Guide for ACT Aspire Summative Reports*, can be found at the [DPI ACT Aspire Data and Results webpage](#).
- ACT Aspire is leading free webinars for educators on the following topics related to Aspire reports:
 - [Meaningful Data by User Role](#)
 - [Subject and Skill Proficiency](#)
 - [Current Progress, Supplemental Scores, and Proficiency Summary](#)

WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificates Available

- ACT WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRCs) have been loaded to the Department's Secure Access File Exchange (SAFE).
- In addition to the certificates, a .csv file containing data for all students who obtained a NCRC is available. This file contains the unique usernames and passwords needed for students to access their My WorkKeys accounts. Accessing the My WorkKeys account is necessary for students who wish to share an electronic version of their certificate with potential employers.
- NCRCs may be downloaded and distributed to parents/guardians and students, and students should be provided with their unique usernames and passwords in order to access their My WorkKeys accounts.
- For sample user id and password letters and more information about the ACT WorkKeys NCRC, please visit our [OSA WorkKeys Data and Results](#) webpage.

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) and International Assessments

(selected schools only)

Reminder:

- **Notification letters to districts-** Initial notification letters to district administrators with copies going to District Assessment Coordinators (DACs) were mailed in early June. These letters listed the schools in each district selected to participate in NAEP and/or any International Assessments for the 2017-18 school year. Please note that these letters usually go out by the end of May and are delayed a week this year.
- **Notification letters to schools last week-** Initial notification letters to principals were mailed last week. These letters include more information about the school's specific assessments, including the test date. DACs should have received emails with their schools' test dates on 6/26. Contact angela.dugas@dpi.wi.gov if you have any questions.

- **NAEP 2018** will include the following assessments:
 - Grade 4: Reading Special Studies, Science Pilots
 - Grade 8: U.S. History, Civics, and Geography National Assessments; Technology and Engineering Literacy National Assessment; Reading Special Studies; and Science Pilots
 - Grade 12: Mathematics, Reading, and Science Pilots; and Reading Special Studies
- Wisconsin also has schools selected to represent the nation in the following **International Assessments** this upcoming school year:
 - Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) in grades 4 and 8
 - International Computer and Information Literacy Study (ICILS) in grade 8
- A few other reminders about NAEP and International Assessments:
 - Most of the assessments will be conducted on tablets or laptops brought in by NAEP test administrators.
 - Students will participate in only one subject area.
 - Most assessments take 90-120 minutes total for students.

DAC DIGEST DIGESTIBLES

| Important Dates to Remember | | |
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| June | 2: Deadline for Aspire to receive paper answer documents. | Aspire |
| | Early-June: NAEP and International Assessments notification letters mailed to districts | NAEP and International Assessments |
| | Mid-June: WorkKeys paper memo and summary to examinees delivered to schools; Printed WorkKeys roster report will be mailed to test coordinators | WorkKeys |
| | Late-June Forward Student Reports and summary reports (for district personnel access) will be made available electronically in eDIRECT | Forward |
| | Late-June: NAEP and International Assessments notification letters mailed to schools with assessment dates; emails will go to DACs | NAEP and International Assessments |
| | Late-June: ACT non-college reportable score letters delivered to schools | ACT |
| July | 1: WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificates and student usernames and passwords loaded into SAFE. | WorkKeys |
| | 7: Aspire Individual Student Reports, and school and district summative reports available in the Aspire portal. | Aspire |
| | 10: Profile Reports and Student Data Files mailed to districts, Profile Reports mailed to schools. Non-college reportable score reports mailed to schools. | ACT |
| | Forward Hard copy ISRs mailed to districts | Forward |
| August | 1: School and district profile reports available in PearsonAccessNext (duplicates of hard copy reports mailed in July). | ACT |

| Important Tasks to Remember | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Plan for WIDA Screener Implementation for Fall 2017. | ACCESS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Look for score report information later this summer. | DLM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure relevant team members are aware of the information regarding reading readiness assessment at Reading Readiness Overview and Reading Readiness FAQ . | Reading Readiness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distribute Aspire ISRs to students. | Aspire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distribute WorkKeys NCRCs and usernames/passwords to students. | WorkKeys |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distribute non-college reportable score letters to students. | ACT |

| Online Resource Highlights | | |
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| <i>As new resources are posted to our website, we will include them here for your convenience. This is NOT an exhaustive list, but meant to highlight resources with significant relevance to our upcoming test windows.</i> | | |
| Resource | Description | Assessment |
| ACT and WorkKeys Report Schedule | Descriptions and delivery dates for district, school, and student-level reports | ACT/WorkKeys |
| ACT Data and Results | DPI webpage with links to sample reports and resources for understanding and using ACT reports | |
| WorkKeys Data and Results | DPI webpage with links to sample reports and resources for understanding and using WorkKeys reports | |
| Aspire Data and Results | DPI webpage with links to sample reports and resources for understanding and using ACT Aspire reports | Aspire |
| Forward Data and Results | DPI webpage with links to sample ISR cover letters and resources for understanding Forward Reports | Forward |
| ACCESS for ELLs Calendar | Provides an overview of relevant 2017-18 dates | ACCESS |
| Standard Setting Impacts | Information on the score changes starting 2016-17 | |
| Report Card Resources | Various resources to assist in understanding, explaining, and using the 2015-16 school and district report card data | OEA |